

July 8, 2016

Mr. Edwin Cope  
Cope Farm  
981 Stanley Valley  
Rogersville, TN 37857

**Subject: Permit Tracking No. SOPC00051**  
**Cope Farm**  
**Rogersville, Hawkins County, Tennessee**

Dear Mr. Cope:

I recently reviewed your application for Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) permit coverage for your farm. This letter is to inform you that some issues need to be resolved before I can approve your Nutrient Management Plan (NMP) as required to issue your CAFO permit. Essentially I need to receive the following items or information:

1. You indicated per prior discussions with TDA that you would be taking control of the farm. If this is still correct, please fill out the attached permit transfer form and return it to me.
2. You are required to submit a Notice of Intent form with the CAFO SOPC Permit application. There is a NOI on file from 2015; however the number of birds is 112,000 while the number on the most recent NMP received is 120,000. I have attached a blank form; please fill it out and make sure the number of animals matches that in the NMP. Also make sure that the permittee identification reflects current ownership roles.
3. The NMP needs to address clean water diversion from the production site. This can be as simple as adding a statement that clean water will be diverted from the production site to the general description or more descriptive and include information about gutters, slopes, channels, etc. as relevant.
4. Please provide a detailed P-index report from MMP for all fields that receive litter. The table in the NMP is not sufficient for providing p-index values.
5. The soil sample results are not labeled/there is no key allowing the samples to be identified. Also, there are only 7 soil sample results included while 10 fields have spreadable land. Please include the missing soil sample results.

Once each item above is addressed, you will have submitted all required elements of a CAFO permit application. Pending approval, a notice will be sent to the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) who will then issue the permit.

Assistance is available at your local Extension office and your local United States



Department of Agriculture (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) office. If you have additional questions regarding permit requirements or how to fulfill them, please feel free to contact me at 615-837-5489 or [sarah.hovis@tn.gov](mailto:sarah.hovis@tn.gov). Thank you for your cooperation in this permitting process.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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